

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 24-28 with the following:

The aforementioned catalysts ~~catalyst~~ age when operating at high temperatures, which reduces the peak conversion rate compared to an undamaged catalyst. To reduce aging of the catalyst, the maximum allowable temperature in the exhaust gas system is monitored and is limited by adjusting operating parameters of the engine, preferably the lambda value of the combustion process.

Between lines 28 and 29 on page 2, insert: SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Delete the paragraph on page ³~~4~~, lines 5-6.

Delete the paragraph on page 7, lines 9-10.

Between lines 10 and 11 on page 7, insert: BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE

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Between lines 15 and 16 on page 7, insert: DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

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